

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement. New claims 7 through 14 have been added.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the first species of the invention, comprising placing said semiconductor substrate with said intermediate conductive elements in alignment with conductive bumps protruding from a carrier substrate; and electrically connecting said intermediate conductive elements and said conductive bumps. It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1 and 2 reads on the first specie. It is also submitted that new claims 7 through 14 read on the first specie. Applicant concurs with the Examiner that currently, no claims are generic.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statements filed with the Office on July 22, 2003, and November 24, 2003, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form filed on July 22, 2003, and the PTO/SB/08 form filed on November 24, 2003, be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicants' undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on October 20, 2003, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

Entry of Amendments

New claims 7-14 should be entered by the Examiner because the new claims are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application.

Conclusion

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1, 2, and 7-14.

Respectfully submitted,



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